

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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STICK TO YOUR JOB

It is Time to Stop so Much Running
in and Out and Shifting and
Changing About.

A Steady Forward Move Now is the Great Need

When I was a mere school boy a gentleman came to the school and delivered a lecture on the subject of "Stick-to-it-ive-ness." When he announced his subject I thought it was very odd; and indeed, it was rather an odd expression; but the gentleman made a lasting impression on me.

In one of my school books when a boy I read a story of the little boy and his little shovel. A heavy snow had fallen during the night and the wind had piled up a great drift of snow between the house and the street. Early in the morning little eight-year-old Ned took his little shovel and commenced to shovel a road through the great drift to the street.

A gentleman who passed, called to little Ned and asked him how he expected to ever get that snow bank shoveled away with such a "tiny little shovel." The only reply Ned made, as he worked steadily on, was, "By keeping at it." No philosopher could have given a better answer than did little Ned.

Stick-to-it-ive-ness is one of the greatest virtues with which any one could be endowed. This will win when nothing else will make any show. There may seem to be no result for a while, but he who faithfully plods along will win in the race, and bring good results when he does finally get through.

You can scarcely find a better motto to make you successful in life than, "Stick to your job." It is usually said that "A rolling stone gathers no moss." When Jesus commissioned His disciples to "Go ye," "they went," and it is not written that they ever quit their job. They stuck to it till they gave their lives in martyrdom for the very truth they were taught by Him who commissioned them to "Go." We have no record of them running in and out in a spazmodic manner. They stuck

to their job. "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called." 1 Cor. 7:20.

It has always been a mystery to me how people can be enthusiastic about the Lord's work for a little while and then all of a sudden lose interest and scarcely do anything for the Lord at all. Some will take spells of going to meeting and Sunday School and become all enthused about it and think everybody ought to be the same way, and after a while drop out and are scarcely seen for months. I like the enthusiastic part of it, but I do not like the dropping off. People ought to be enthusiastic all the time. I see no place for cooling off. There is no time for it. The work is too great.

In worldly pursuits the man that will not stick to his job never wins his way to the top, and is never promoted to a higher position where he can earn a larger salary. But he that sticks to his job and learns to do his work well will soon become valuable to his employer and they will soon be ready to offer him a premium by raising his wages.

There is nothing more worth while, and nothing that should call for a stronger determination to stick to your job, than the evangelization of the lost world. This being the case, then, we must stick to it till it is done. Spazmodic effort will never accomplish this. A little skirmishing once and a while will never accomplish God's will. There must be enthusiasm, but that kind that never burns down is necessary. It is time to stop so much running in and out and shifting and changing about with no fixed purpose or object in view. A steady forward move now is the need.

In this little message I would like to say something to encourage the pastors. If there is anybody in the world that ought to stick to his job

it is certainly the pastor. He is expected to be a shepherd over his flock and keep the wolves away, and at the same time keep his sheep so busy eating that they will have no time to stray.

When a minister is selected for a pastor at a certain place and he accepts the position, then he ought to stick to his job till his time is up. But it has been too much of a habit with some that they stay a few months and then feel led "to go elsewhere, and, suddenly slip away from their flock, leaving them to exposure to whatever may come along. In this way the churches sometimes have pastors, but they hardly know when they will be left without any.

In a certain State an overseer informed me that at a certain time he was much gratified to report pastors over nearly every church. Only a few months later and this same overseer reported that there had been so much shifting and changing about till many of the churches were left without shepherds. Inquiry revealed the fact that many of those who had been selected "felt led" to go elsewhere and without giving scarcely any notice they were off and gone. I wish to repeat that it is time to stop so much running in and out and shifting and changing about if you expect to make full proof of your ministry.

Beloved pastor, you ought to have enough stick-to-it-iveness about you to stick to your job the allotted time, even if you come out at the end of your year with rags for clothes, and your bones sticking out from starvation. But this will never be if you stick to your job and feed your flock as you ought. But of course if you do not feed them good wholesome spiritual food, you can hardly expect them to keep you fat on bread and meat.

But I do not hesitate to state that a preacher that is called of God to preach and sent by Him, will be able to feed his flock if he will give himself to the work in the right manner. But if he allows himself to get dissatisfied and begin to criticize his congregation because they do not supply him with what he thinks is necessary food and clothing, he will soon lose his sweetness if he

ever had any, and what preaching he does will not edify and feed the flock.

A successful pastor will be satisfied with much or little and never grumble or complain because his members do not pay enough to give him a comfortable support. Hear Paul a moment: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. *** I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." Phil. 4:11, 12. No complaining there with that man. No not Paul, for he further says, "I take pleasure in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses." 2 Cor. 12:10.

The pastor that will spend enough time in prayer, and by this means pull his messages down from the sky instead of spending his time in idleness, and lightly scanning the pages of the Bible to get him up a sermon, will have good spiritual food for his people and they will certainly see that he does not quite starve. The salvation of souls should be uppermost in all our hearts rather than our temporal support. More of our people need to shut their eyes to support and go into the soul saving business. He that has the weight and worth of souls on his heart cares but little where his support comes from. It is souls he wants and not food and fine clothes.

The great opportunity for the Church of God has just about arrived. The spazmodic efforts of other pentecostal movements have about spent their force. The pentecostal missionaries have left the foreign fields largely, according to reports. Their zeal and fire have gone down, and many that went out full of fire are now at home cooled off, and not a few have backslid and serving the world and the devil. This is awful, but too true for any light remarks.

But not much wonder this is the case. They had no order, no system, no government, and practiced, "I feel led" to do this and that and finally they "felt led" to return home, and so they came. Thousands of precious dollars spent and where are the results? Of course this is not the case with all. There are

some noble men and women on the mission field fighting bravely on, but some of them are now seeing the need of government, and making inquiry about the Church of Good. A steady forward move is now the great need, and the fulfillment of Isaiah 54:3 will be realized.

If every member of the Church of God will stick to his job faithfully and truly, there will soon be a mighty conflagration of pentecostal power and glory that will sweep this world, war or no war. Evangelists, stick to your job and quit running in home so much. Stay on the field, instead of in the shops, on the farms, or other business. Pastors, stick to your job till your year is out and quit this way of leaving your flocks and going elsewhere. Deacons, stick to your job, and see that your pastors are rightly cared for so they can give all their time to the ministry of the Word and prayer. Acts 6: 4. Do your best to get the members, every one of them to attend the regular meetings to hear the Word as it is preached from the stand. Overseers of the different states, stick to your job, and never fear or falter. Do your best for the churches the ministers, and all the people in your territory. General overseer, stick to your job, and wear your life away in toiling day and night to make the great Church of God a praise in the earth. Do not care for yourself, but constantly care for others. Do not spare any strength, any means, any intelligence, any ability that God gives you to so direct the great forces in such systematic order that every creature will hear the glorious gospel before you lay down your weapons of war and fly away to glory.

Church of God Evangel, stick to your job, and bear the precious messages of love upon your beautiful white wings to the millions that never heard. Never fold your wings. Keep on flying over the world and make the homes happier and brighter by your presence and songs. Yes, stick to your job at any cost; God will look after your expenses. Give yourself, with all of your staff of helpers, en-

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South Norfolk, Va.

Dear Editor and Readers—
Grace be to You, and Peace
From God Our Father, and
From the Lord Jesus Christ:

I want to sound a note of praise to God, through your good little paper, for His goodness to me. But if you can't find space for it, and the waste basket is my portion, I shall keep sanctified just the same.

If we are not sanctified WHOLLY, we may get offended, have our feelings hurt, and feel slighted at certain times and places, by certain people just because we are not noticed very much. Thank God, the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son can cleanse us so good that all sin, all selfishness, hatred, envy, strife, prejudice, jealousy, wrath, evil speaking, all self-praise, all of our wisdom, greatness and ability to do things, will be swept away by the cleansing tide.

In these last days, the doctrine of sanctification is not being preached, nor the standard lifted up to the people as it should be; therefore the work of God is being hindered, and the Holy Ghost is being grieved.

The devil well knows that he cannot accomplish his purpose as long as clean, holy men, who will hoist the standard, occupy the pulpit; so he is busy trying to fill the pulpits and convention chairs with men who will lower the standard, substitute graveyard tales for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and so operate upon the emotions of people as to get them to make a profession, and at the same time go right on dressing, acting,

and in every respect, living like the world.

I long to see the time when His sheep will all be in one fold, with one shepherd and one standard.

I thank God for full salvation, for entire sanctification, and for the baptism with the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I believe in pure religion, holy living, and a high standard. I believe in getting the experience and living it, at home, at the church, at the shop, up town, and everywhere. Amen.

Pray for me.

J. E. Holmes.

Whitesville, W. Va.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I am sending a few lines of victory and a few of sadness.

February 8, 1917, I was called to attend the funeral of brother Miles Blevin, who had been sick about four years in Arkansas, but had gone to Oppy, Ky., to visit relatives, where he passed from this life to the happier life beyond the grave.

Brother Blevies received the Holy Ghost about four years ago, and was a faithful worker for the Lord. He left the best testimony I ever heard. He was conscious to the last, shook hands and talked with many of his friends.

There were none of our baptized saints present, but there were some sanctified people who claimed the Holy Ghost without the evidence.

Just a few minutes before his death, he called them to him, and asked them if they had the Holy Ghost; they replied in the affirmative. He then asked if they had the evidence of speaking in other tongues; they, of course, answered no; he then told them they did not have the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Some were convinced and began seeking the Holy Ghost.

Brother Blevins trusted God to the end. He didn't shed a tear, but called his wife to him and said: "The time of my departure is at hand; I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; now I am ready to go home to Jesus." After this he began singing. "I am so glad salvation's free to all who will receive it," and singing and praising God.

Since brother Blevins' death his wife has had prayer meeting in her home and four have received the Holy Ghost, and about twelve others are seeking. People

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I desire to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord, for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name!

I have had the blessed Comforter abiding about six months, and the experience is as sweet to me today as it was the day I received it.

I am so glad I ever found the way. Though the temptations may be severe some times, yet God has said that, "We shall be tempted above that we are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape."

I ask the prayers of all the saints.

Your sister,

Bammer Sparks.

Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to testify through the little paper for my blessed Saviour, who has done so much for me.

I am just nine years old, but Jesus has forgiven me of my sins, sanctified and given me the Holy Ghost.

Brother Clarence Guire came here to conduct a meeting, and I asked the Lord if it were right, to give me the experience. I am so glad He heard my prayer, for now I know it is right.

Several are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am so glad the Lord sent Brother Guire to preach the gospel to us, for I have peace and joy in my soul that I never had before.

Beady Nebblett.

Soddy, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord today through the little Evangel.

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

When God saved me He put a love in my heart for everybody.

I praise the Lord for the church at Ridgedale. How the Lord does bless His children there! Brother Scott is a faithful pastor. We certainly appreciate him.

I want to ask all the Evangel readers to pray for my husband who is backslidden.

Your sister,

H. D. Evans.

are stirred. Please pray for God to send them a preacher.

Your brother,

S. C. Luther.

Marco, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am so glad I am a member of the Evangel family!

It is a joy unspeakable to know that I am a daughter of the King. I know I am a child of God, because the precious blood of Jesus has been, applied to my heart, taking away all sin. I have no desire to sin, but I want to please my Saviour, and live for Him all the days of my life.

I don't get lonesome any more as I once did, for Jesus is abiding within.

I love to read and study God's word, and try every day, to live nearer the Lord than I did the day before.

I am so glad the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost to lead me into all truth. Praise His name!

I love the Evangel; I don't see how I could get along without it.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. A. M. Wiggins.

Pikeville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

After having been a member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years, and living the best I knew how with the knowledge I had about three months ago I heard the Word preached by sister Taylor. I at once realized that God had better things in store for His children and began seeking the experience of sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost. God heard my prayer, and gave me these wonderful experiences.

Praise His name!

I want to be ready to meet Him when He calls for me. Please pray that I may live closer to the Lord than ever before.

Your sister,
Lissie Hale

Maryville, Tenn.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I praise the Lord for the full gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have always been taught that there is no possibility of our being sanctified or baptized with the Holy Ghost. I have read about the experience of sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and questioned people with regard to them but the reply would invariably be: "That was for the people in olden times not for us."

But when I heard the doctrine of holiness preached, I found that we had been in darkness. I read God's Word and prayed, until I received the cleansing and the

baptism with the Holy Ghost Glory to Jesus!

I feel very lonely, as there is no church of God here.

I am so anxious for some of our ministers to conduct a meeting here. Of course the churches here would not receive them, but perhaps somebody with tent can come.

Please pray for me.

Your sister,

S. E. Hickey.

Cole City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I received the Holy Ghost May 30, 1915, and I have the victory today.

God has called me to preach His Word and I am here in Cole City doing my best for Him. The tent has been here six days and two have received the Holy Ghost, and others are seeking.

I praise the Lord that tho I am just seventeen years of age, He gives me victory over the devil.

Large crowds are coming to hear the word of God. Please ask God to bless them. Pray for God to use me to His glory.

Your brother,
George Haney.

McMinnville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I am praising the Lord for saving me from my sins, sanctifying me and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I have been serving the Lord a little more than two years, and I am more determined to live for Jesus than I have ever been before.

I am so glad Jesus can heal. I have taken no medicine these three years. Praise His name!

This way gets brighter every day of my life. God has done so much for me, and I have done so little for him!

I do want to live at His feet and be willing to do anything He would have me to do.

I long to see Jesus coming; I want to go home.

Please pray for me.

Lela Delong.

Dunn, La.

Dear Editor and Evangel Readers:

I praise God for victory in my soul through the blood of Jesus.

I praise Him for giving me the light on His word—the precious truths of the gospel that were hidden so long.

I praise Him for the privilege of being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am glad I am a member of His church.

I desire the prayers of all the saints,

Sallie Isaac.

LOVE

Mattie Lemons

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1 John 2:1.

Beloved, it seems to me that if we could realize just as we should, the great and wondrous love that God has bestowed upon this world, we, as His children would be more humble.

It was LOVE that moved the great heart of God to give His only begotten Son for our redemption. Do we appreciate this Gift of His love? If we appreciate His love as we should, I am sure we will be very careful to do those things that are pleasing in His sight. We will be careful of our words, our thoughts, our actions and our dealings with other people.

Satan is trying very hard these days to have God's people break this commandment: "Love one another."

Think of those sweet words as they fell from the lips of Him whose very life was one of loving service, and who died the most ignominious death, not only for the people that loved Him, not alone for the people who believed in Him, and agreed with Him in every particular; not just for the few who appreciated His mission to earth, no, but for the whole world—His enemies as well as His friends—Jesus gave His life.

"Beloved what manner of love!" Behold the unselfishness of Jesus (who is our example), behold the ocean depth of His love; and think for a moment of the price of our salvation!

We should be careful to never turn a "cold shoulder" to any of God's little ones who do not see just as we see but rather remember the precious words, "Love one another." Remember we were sinners at one time, none of us merited salvation, and it is only through God's infinite mercy that we are saved now. What would have been the consequences, if God, just because we did not see, and do just as He wanted us to, had not reached to us His arms of love and drawn us to Himself?

Oh beloved, as I see the great love and goodness of God manifested to the children of men, how I want to be more like Him!

Waterloo, Va.

Dear Editor:

I want to add my testi-

mony to those given in the Evangel, for it is the only paper I can read.

When I was converted at sixteen years of age I could not read a word, but God helped me to learn to read the Bible.

Six years ago I was sanctified by the blood of Jesus. Four years later the Lord led my husband and me to Baltimore, where we found Bro. Pitcher's mission and heard him preach about the Holy Ghost.

We were hungry for more of God and soon received the Holy Ghost.

How sweet is life since the comforter has come!

We are back in Virginia again, and Bro. Pitcher and Bro. Ireland have been here and taught us about the Church of God.

The people of the "Holiness Mission," where we held services, have refused to let Bro. Ireland preach there any longer since they have rejected the Holy Ghost, but we are having the meetings in our own home. Please pray for us.

Your humble sister,
Elizabeth Heffen.

Pulaski City, Va.

Dear Editor and Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

Praise God for free and full salvation!

I am so glad I found this holy way.

I am more determined than ever to press onward and upward.

The Lord wonderfully healed my oldest daughter of pneumonia fever and my husband and two children of measles.

Jesus has some true worshipers in this town who love Him with all their hearts.

I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

Please pray for me and mine.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Nora Bridgeman.

A Request.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am one of God's children looking for the coming of our blessed Saviour; and am very much concerned about the people who are not ready to meet Him.

I want to ask all the readers of the Evangel to pray, Especially on Easter Sunday, for my unsaved boy who has enlisted in the army. I know God answers prayer, and I am asking Him to save, sanctify, and baptize my son with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. E. Newman.

W. Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I want to thank God for His goodness and mercy to me. I'm so grateful to Him for allowing me to live, to learn of His mighty power to save, sanctify, baptize with the Holy Ghost and heal the sick.

He baptized me with the Holy Ghost about three years ago and I have tried hard to live just as He would have me live.

I was very sick recently and had no one to pray for me but my little ones, but they prayed and God healed me, though I had been almost helpless and speechless. Please pray for me and my family.

Your sister,
Lillie M. Crews.

Richmond Dale, O.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

We desire to praise the Lord for His goodness to us. He has saved us, sanctified us with His blood, and given us the Holy Ghost.

We praise the Lord for sending brother and sister Haynes to our little town of Richmond Dale. We had been praying five years for this meeting. The people gave good attention and received the Word gladly. Five received the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Pray for us,
Brother and sister Wills.

Canton, N. C.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I am praising God for His saving and sanctifying power, and for the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

I had sought the baptism with the Holy Ghost about eleven months, but after I went to the Assembly and decided to pay tithes, the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost. I have been shouting the victory every since.

We have a band of twenty-one members, but no place for public worship.

Please ask the Lord to help us along this line.

Your brother,
J. C. Jump.

Chillicothe, Ohio

Dear Editor and Readers:

I am grateful to God for the privilege of partaking of His great salvation. He has so wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other

FOLLOWING the MASTER

Mary Howell

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Matt. 16:24.

Let us notice the first clause of this sentence. "If any man WILL come after me—" God never compels any man to serve Him. He leaves everything optional to our will. We can serve Him or we can serve the devil just as we please to do, so can we do.

"Let him deny himself—" Of all things which are forbidden in God's word. Jesus does not want us to deny ourselves of good things, or things that are for our good, but from those things that edify not. Bear in mind that He knows better than we, what is best for us.

"And take up his cross—" What is the cross? It is that which you think hinders you in your Christian experience; the unpleasant things which are unavoidable. In one life the cross may be of a different nature to the cross of another's life.

I have heard people say, "It is hard to live a Christian under such circumstances. My wife is not saved; she makes it unpleasant for me." Another says; "My husband is not a Christian, and it is hard for me to live a victorious life."

We forget, I fear, the words of Jesus in Matt. 11:28-30. Also 1 Peter 4:7. "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." We must cast our burdens upon Jesus, our burden bearer, and trust Him for grace and strength to carry our daily cross.

"And follow me." In order to follow Jesus, we must first know the way He went. We must study His life; and by doing so, we find that He "did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." His life was an unselfish one; it was spent for others. Though He lived in this world, He was entirely separate from it: though he was heir to the

tongues just like the folks at Pentecost.

The Lord has certainly been blessing his people in Chillicothe, and we are expecting Him to do greater things yet.

Bro. and Sister Haynes have been such a blessing to us. We certainly appreciate their being with us.

I desire an interest in the prayers of all the saints.

Your brother,
Samuel E. Flack.

throne of Dauid, He condescended to the lowest of the low, that He might lift them from sin and degradation. He was King of kings and Lord of lords, yet He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." He went home by the way of the cross; so must we. "Who-soever doth not bear his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

Foxworth, Miss.

To the Evangel Family—Greetings:

I am so glad I am a redeemed child of the King; saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I thank God for His healing power. I am so glad to trust Him for the healing of my body.

How I praise Him for the Holy Spirit, upon whom I am depending to lead and guide me through life! Great joy fills my soul, as I think of the way He has brought me by His gentle wooings, from the kingdom of darkness to this marvelous light.

I so much desire that my faith be increased until I can do something for Jesus.

I want the saints to pray for my loved ones, that they may receive this wonderful experience.

Your sister in Christ,
Lou Bracej Forbes.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

About three weeks ago we had a meeting here in which the Lord saved me from my sins, cleansed, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am now on my way to heaven.

We have prayer meeting every Wednesday night and preaching on Sundays. We hope to have a revival this summer. Please pray that we may have more of the power of God.

Your sister,
Eunice Mc Cracken.

Pittsburg, Ga.

Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

I want to praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost.

God has done wonderful things for this place. We have a good little church of about thirty-three members. Nine have received the Holy Ghost since Christmas day.

I want the saints to pray for us.

Your brother,
Ed. Simpson.

CLUSTER ROLLS

For the Sunday Schools. We have had a good many calls for these large picture rolls, so we have made arrangements so we can furnish them now at 75c each.

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tirely to your calling and never weary because of sleepless nights, or high cost of material.

Church of God, and all of your beautiful members, stick to your job! It is a time to stop so much running in and out and shifting and changing about. A steady, forward move is now the great need, and when this need is fully met it will be said of you in the sweetest tones, "arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. * * * And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee." Isaiah 60:1-4.

And by and by when thy work is ended, when thou hast stuck to thy job until it is finished, and all nations, people and tongues have heard the glad news that thou alone canst carry and show forth by signs and wonders—after this is all over if thou wilt only listen thou canst hear the most musical sound and the words will echo within thy walls as they fall from Him whose thou art and for whom thou hast labored and toiled and sacrificed and rejoiced, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation is overpast." Isaiah 26:20. And away we will fly, to meet Him in the air and then we shall be forever with the Lord. I Thes. 4:16. And then all will be glad because they stuck to their job.

LOVE

O! how much tenderness, how much devotion, how much sacrifice is couched in this little word of four letters—L-O-V-E. The human love—the love of mother for her child, or the love of the child for its mother, the love of friends. This love is held very sacred by all of us, but there is a love that shines forth and surpasses all other love, and that is divine love. The love God has for us, the love we have for God, the love that the saints of God should have for each other, and then that great divine love that makes our hearts go out after the sinners, man or woman, and love them so much that we will love them right into the fold.

By reading John 3:16, we

find how great God's love is for us. "He gave His only begotten son." Love always means sacrifice, and Christ said, "This is my commandment that ye love one another, as I have loved you."

How many poor souls are going down to perdition today, how many are fainting by the wayside, "for a little bit of love!" We see the weak ones gradually sinking beneath some temptation, beneath some heavy cross. Shall we close our eyes to this and fold our arms, while the enemy is constantly at work, and sends his forces a little stronger and stronger until the weak one is entirely overcome? No, this is our brother, or our sister, and great divine love takes possession of our entire being, and with a gentle spirit of meekness, we can be used as an instrument in God's hand to raise the troubled soul above the powers of the enemy. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."—Gal. 6:1.

The time has come when we as saints of God must love one another more.

As the Lord leads us on and shines the light on our pathway, what a realization comes to us of this lack of love. We think we have divine love for our brother or sister, but when they step aside, do we go to them in love, or do we say, "They don't amount to much any way" O! let us as children of light be more like our blessed Saviour, who laid down His life for us. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

Are willing to lay down our lives for our brother or sisters? Or are we willing to sacrifice a little time, money, or our own personal comforts, for some brother or sister less fortunate than ourselves? Beloved, let us think on these things.

Jesus did not say that we shall love only our brother and sisters, or those that love us; but he said, "Love your enemies." We find it quite easy to love those who love us, and if we have the spirit of Christ we will find it easy to love our enemies; and with the love of God flooding our souls we can bring to the throne of grace those that hate us and dispitely use us.

Paul says in Romans 12:9 "Let love be without dissimulation." Let us not be hyp-

ocritical, but let us have love unfeigned. We may pretend to have this divine love, but God knoweth our hearts. Therefore, let us "be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one to another." Romans 12:10.

Love is the most powerful factor in a Christian life. Everything else may fail, but love will never fail. We find it is love all the way through, for God is love.

Beloved, let us, as saints of God, and members of the great Church of God, keep this divine love aflame in our souls; let it burn, and burn, and burn, until the world can feel its mighty influence; until those with whom we come in contact, will be drawn by its magnetic power, to seek a higher life, and as we steadily march onward in this Christian warfare let the love light shine in our eyes; let our lips speak words of love; our hands do loving service for our Master, and our feet swift to carry us to those who need the words and service of love. Then we can truly say, "His banner over me was love." Sol. 2:4.

Mrs. Grace W. Lockard.

Hughston, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greetings: I am praising the name of the blessed Christ for salvation that keeps me from sin. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

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Your sister,

Mrs. Hattie.

Benham, Ky.

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til our names are called in heaven.

His servant,
B. G. Asher.

Testimony

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2t Sam C. Perry.

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